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SUBJECT: UNESCO/MAN AND BIOSPHERE FOURTH SESSION OF
INTERNATIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL

1. FOURTH SESSION MAB INTERNATIONAL COORDINATING
COUNCIL (ICC) OPENED BY UNESCO DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL
FOBES, WHO COMMENTED ON THE WIDESPREAD INTERNATIONAL
SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAM. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT MAB
HAS ALREADY MADE MAJOR CONCEPTUAL CONTRIBUTION TO
INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES BY INTRODUCING PRINCIPAL OF
INTERDISCIPLINARY PROBLEM - ORIENTED FOCUS TO
COOPERATIVE ACTION.

2. IN ACCORDANCE US PREFERENCES AND PRE-MEETING
CONSULTATIONS, GOMEZ-POMPA, MEXICO, ELECTED CHAIRMAN BY
ACCLAMATION FOLLOWING NOMINATION BY AUSTRIA, SECONDED B
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BY US, CUBA, BRAZIL AND SENEGAL. ENTIRE SLATE OF VICE-

CHAIRMEN AND RAPPORTEUR THEN PROPOSED EN MASSE BY FRANCE. WITH NO OBJECTIONS, SLATE AGREED UPON CONSISTING OF VICE-CHAIRMEN SASTRAPRADJA (INDONESIA); SENE (SENEGAL); SOKOLOV (USSR); KING (US) AND RAPPORTEUR LOFFLER, AUSTRIA. ICC SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED TO INCLUDE PAST CHAIRMAN BOURLIERE, FRANCE ON BUREAU. NEITHER SOKOLOV-- THE MOST PROMINENT USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES EXPERT ON MAB, NOR ANY OTHER SOVIET HAS COME TO MEETING FROM MOSCOW. USSR REPRESENTED BY OFFICERS OF SOVIET PERMDEL AT UNESCO.

3. ICC APPROVED AGENDA WITHOUT DISCUSSION. SECRETARIAT REPORTED ON ACTIVITIES DURING LAST YEAR, RECOUNTING REGIONAL MEETINGS, BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS, ETC. AS MAB HAS GROWN RAPIDLY, CAPABILITIES OF SECRETARIAT BEING OUTPACED, REQUIRING IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITY ACTIONS. ICC IN AGREEMENT THAT PROGRAM HAS PASSED THROUGH PHASE OF REGIONAL MEETINGS TO IDENTIFY PROBLEMS AND SHOULD TURN TO SPECIFIC PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION. IN FACT, THIS LATTER STEP IS ALREADY UNDERWAY IN PROJECTS IN MANY COUNTRIES.

4. IN ALL, ICC MEETING OFF TO SMOOTH AND AMICABLE START. INITIAL DISCUSSIONS CENTERING AROUND PROCEDURES FOR DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION OF PROJECTS.

5. COMMENT: NOTEWORTHY ABSENCE OF SOKOLOV HAS BEEN VARIOUSLY EXPLAINED BY SOVIET PERMDEL AS DUE TO TARDY PREPARATION IN MOSCOW, IMPORTANT ELECTIONS IN USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES NOW UNDERWAY AND LACK OF FUNDS DUE BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS. NONE OF THESE STRIKES PERMDEL AS VERY CONVINCING REASONS.
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